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Applicant : Steven M. Knowles  
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Title : FLEXIBLE JOINT ASSEMBLY, SERVICE, AND SYSTEM USING A  
FLEXIBLE JOINT ASSEMBLY

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## AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 16, 2003

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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